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**""Moral indignation is jealousy with a halo." - H. G. Wells**

## **FALL CONVOCATION -- OCTOBER 9, 2:30 – 4 P.M.-- SHERMAN MUSIC RECITAL HALL**

### **Alternative Teacher Certification Receives Nearly a Quarter Million Dollar Grant**

The Alternative Teacher Certification program has received a Department of Education grant for more than \$243,000 for scholarship and tuition assistance. The funds will also be used to hire two individuals who will provide mentoring, recruitment and evaluation support. Established in 1999, the Alternative Certification program is designed to address the critical teacher shortage in Illinois, particularly in South suburban schools. So far, the program has prepared nearly 70 quality teachers. The grant will cover scholarship and tuition assistance for 30 additional candidates selected for the upcoming cohort starting in March. General information and an application that can be downloaded are available on the program's website at [www.altcert.net](http://www.altcert.net).

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### **Raking in the Green**

Governors State University is participating in a regional environmental preservation project that has received a \$110,000 grant from the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency. The funds will be used to develop a plan to protect and preserve wetlands, parks and other environmental amenities that lie at the entry-point to the proposed site for the Peotone airport. Ephraim Gil, CBPA professor of public administration, is the author of the grant. Dr. Gil said a meeting schedule would be available within the next two weeks for people who want to participate in the planning process. For more information about the project and the upcoming public meetings, contact Dr. Gil at 708-747-0979.

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### **A National Priority**

Dr. Jie Shen, university professor of health administration, has been awarded a research grant for more than \$99,000 to study racial disparities in hospital services. The study will include patients from all ethnic groups nationwide and will focus on four major diseases: heart attack, congestive heart failure, pneumonia and stroke. Findings from the research will furnish information to help public and private sector policy-makers better understand the racial gaps in hospital care in a more systemic way. "Although many studies have examined racial differences in severity of illness, care-seeking characteristics, use of clinical procedures, use of resources and outcomes," Shen said, "little research has integrated and examined these aspects simultaneously." The Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality under the Department of Health and Human Services awarded the grant.

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### **Carol Mosely-Braun Set for Oct. 30 CAS Lecture**

Former U.S. senator and ambassador to New Zealand, Carol Mosely-Braun, will speak at Governors State on October 30 at 6 p.m. in the Sherman Music Recital Hall. Her appearance continues the College of Arts and

Sciences' Distinguished Lecturer Series. In 1992, she became the first and only African-American woman to serve in the U.S. Senate. She is expected to continue to be active in public office.

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### **Smart Classrooms on the Horizon**

The Center for Technology and Information met on October 2 to discuss the status of technology projects at GSU including the development of "smart classrooms." Smart classrooms will feature state-of-the-art technology such as 3-D projection systems, voice input computers, lab-top computer hook-ups and lighting and ventilation control. CTI committee members will share their ideas with LCM Architects, the firm employed to develop the renovation plan for the E&F Wings and science labs, as well as the 10-year facilities master plan.

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### **Setting the Standard for Distance Learning**

Governors State is described as a national model for distance education in the September – October 2002 issue of *Change* magazine. Published by the American Association for Higher Education, *Change* is one of the nation's leading magazine focusing on higher education issues.

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## **October Calendar Items**

### **October 7, - October 25, 2002, 11 a.m. – 4 p.m.**

GSU will sponsor the Fourth Annual Regional Faculty Art Show featuring the works of faculty from 16 regional colleges and universities. Location: Art Gallery.

### **October 17, 2002, 4 - 8 p.m.**

The Physical Therapy Program will host an Open House.

### **October 19 – 27, 2002**

In recognition of "Red Ribbon Week," GSU will hold information sessions and special activities that promote zero tolerance of alcohol, tobacco and drug abuse.

### **October 23, 2002, 5 – 6: 30 p.m.**

The College of Arts and Sciences' Distinguished Lecture Series will focus on the West Nile Virus and other mosquito borne viruses. Dr. Duane Newton, an expert on infectious diseases, will be the guest speaker. The event will be held in the Sherman Music Recital Hall.

### **October 25, 2002, 8 p.m.**

Folk music legend Arlo Guthrie will perform at the Center for Performing Arts . Ticket costs are \$35 and \$31. For ticket orders call 708-235-2222.